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Dear Theresa,

Many thanks for your letter of 16th November about NEBEL. As I mentioned to you in my previous letter, I have already strongly recommended that NEBEL should be sent back to O20. He is of little interest to me as I have completed my tactical interrogation of him, but there is a lot of long range stuff to be got out of him concerning personalities in Amt VI. It is obvious that these sort of people should be sent back, and had they done it initially, I imagine that O20 could have given him a specially urgent interrogation and got him back in time for the exploitation business. However, as I told you, others thought differently.

The reasons that he is being kept in Paris are:

1. Because the French propose to send back one of their agents to Hagedorn, posing as a courier for NEBEL, to find out the names of the three S.D. radio operators of the Nachrichten Invasion Netz Paris. At the same time the courier will collect the tins of preserved meat.
2. In case he is needed in the possible exploitation of MARTIN and his JEANNE group. The whole of this business is very tricky, and I am a little sceptical as to whether it will come off owing to the limited facilities we have in Paris for keeping observation, covering meetings, etc.
3. VLIEGEN, who has just come in and about whom I shall be reporting in due course, says that he was to meet NEBEL somewhere else near Compiègne, and this will of course have to be gone into, as NEBEL has not so far mentioned this.
4. I think it was intended that NEBEL should set up a parachute and Fiesler Storch landing ground on the estate of Pierre MORAND, formerly of Referat I (Zersetzungsarbeit) of Abwehr III Paris.

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I am not really certain that NEBEL is needed for all these things, but there it is.

I got the tactical information I wanted out of him in 2½ hours, and the longer range stuff should certainly be done by 020. I have seen him once or twice since, as I have been up at the detention place, and have made a few notes, which make a somewhat more coherent story than that produced at his first interrogation. I shall be sending these either with, or soon after this letter.

Zeller, who has also been captured, is writing his Lebenslauf at the moment, and I have delayed giving him his tactical interrogation until I have seen this.

I am inclined to think that all three are execution cases, but one cannot do NEBEL until the MARTIN business is cleared up; and I do not see how we could do VLIJGEN or ZELLER without compromising the NEBEL operations. This is because the only point in an execution would be the publicity, which in any case I do not think we could obviate. When NEBEL was first captured, General Patch said he wanted him back from Paris in three days to execute, which gives you an idea of some of our difficulties.

Victor.

Miss Theresa Clay,

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